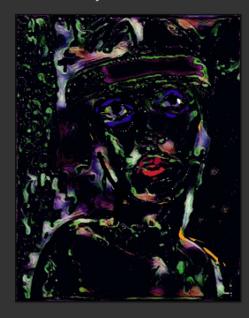


Saturday, November 25, 2017

Adam Fieled, Swiss Army Knife



Lizzie Lifted Up My Wrist, image by Irene Koronas

Swiss Army Knife

Lizzie enlisted her Swiss Army knife, started sawing away at my arm as I arranged my rock collection in our dirty basement, which she was visiting. Joanna dozed in the corner. As she saw first blood, Lizzie lifted up my wrist, which was being used, & sucked away. It so happens this, my first genuine affair, hit me at three, with a witch & a vampire who I loved, but who lived to rock the proverbial boat. I took her on

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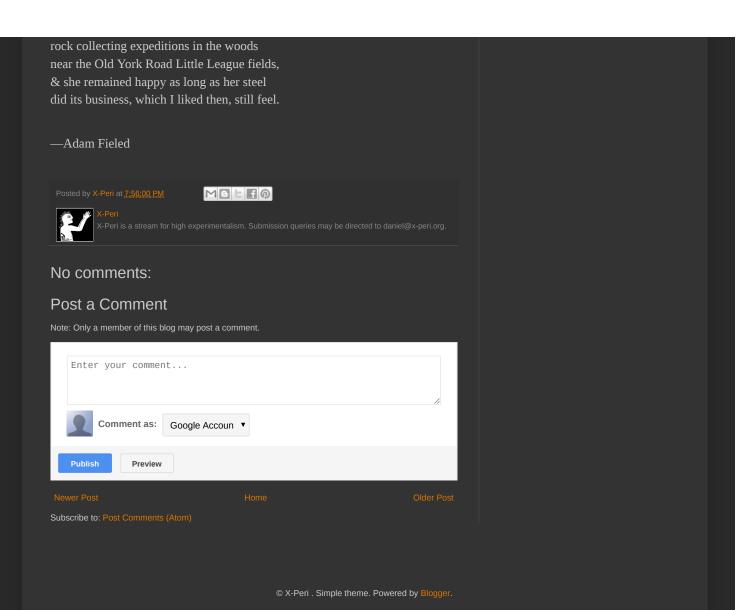
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Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Adam Fieled, Feel



Philly Thermal, image by Adam Fieled

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I saw the greatest artists of my generation parched, hardened & scarred by a virtual machine,

blood cleaned from shiny surfaces, purposed to cut out the soul's wisdom, the body's

agita, the heart's

heaviness, creators neutered & spayed by a decaying empire, wired for a never-ending battle

w/ bureaucrats, corporate drones & art-world phonies, bones rattling in Philly February snow & ice,

D.C.'s perpetual snooze, loose NYC streets that tighten round the Village, while they tried to chill-pill themselves,

direct their energy to the task at hand, finding a plan, an escape route from playing cogs, greased-gears freezing all around them—

who worked for banks & were fired for downloading porn, moved into dank South Philly studios, recorded, put out CDs, whored themselves to wine-stores & occult dives where poor mottled matrons paid ten dollars for card readings & felt themselves bleed at the collapse of the Tower,

who stripped, did coke, published poems on the Net, learned massage, started as Temps, ended as Temps, sang dirges at West Philly art-parties for free Schlitz, dovetailed joints in brick alleyways, scars glossed over w/ blush, sweaty-breasted,

who wrote comic book epics for guitar & voice, developed mystical Jesus raps at Goth clubs, Christian-blissed as Trent Reznor blared through stacks of amps & loveboys got blow-jobs in corners,

who were pregnant at 21, had & ignored the kid, got locked in jail for neglect, expecting daddy to come w/ bail, no help from a shitty city,

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- who threw out poetry to work for an architect, drank w/ kids in Manayunk bars & got a beer-gut, "make it new" screwed into soft-fucks,
- who were forced into drag by failure, post-avant punk records dis-chorded into oblivion, scarcely attended bumper-boring tours from Alaska to Milan,
- who made the cover of the City Paper, lost a sugar-mommy & dealt coke, wigger pants, trench-coated, eyes bleary, nose runny, walking round & round liquor stores miming interest in Pinot Grigio,
- who got on planes to London to live in sardine tins, no sex for two years, music biz lies don't work even near the Hyde Park Serpentine,
- who spent afternoons at McGlinchy's cadging Manhattans, making out w/strangers.
 - blowing band dudes w/ Ron Wood haircuts, dreaming of a Khyber stage & the place packed,
- who lost a hustler father to heart failure, took Greyhounds to Atlantic City weekends, put trust-fund dollars on poker chips glistening black in the lurid light, ice rattling in gin tumblers, Italian pimps leaning forward for the kill in silk pants,
- who painted Apollos & Athenas in high-windowed studios in the Gilbert Building, getting laid on pull-out black sofas stained cadmium red,
- who went to D.C. to lobby, did puppet shows miming councilmen in Philly, gave up lit to look for kinks in The System & were left holding onions in the Italian Market.
- who managed Chinese restaurants in State College, sang shirtless for bands at the White Lodge, sailed off to Oregon looking for a label,
- who followed two L.A. chicks from Bar Noir to Ocean City, snorting H off a hotel toilet & becoming a ghost & drifting down halls & collapsing on carpeted stairs,
- who played soccer w/ tin cans on summer afternoons in alleys off of South Street, Blow Fly singing "you're too fat to fuck" in the background,
- who took in jail-bait to complete a ménage a trios, then watched her try to jump out the window of the Highwire Gallery, strip at parties but for a thong, get arrested for stealing from a Verizon register, all the while keeping two boyfriends in South Jersey, construction workers, blind to the bricks,
- who spent nights chasing hipster-girls in Upper Darby, paying the cab-fare from Dirty Frank's, then left to rot on the downstairs couch surrounded by plastic Christmas candles & a mother's footsteps down the stairs,
- who curated minor shows at the Kelly Writer's House, dreaming of future glory, having Koons & Schnabel show up & kiss ass to the one & only,
- who shouted at drunken idiots through bull-horns on 4^{th} Street Mardi Gras, perched in windows like Dada ready-made patrolmen,
- who took girls to the Walnut Street Bridge & laid in the grass at midnight, 'til cops white blazing light scared their pants on in the summer mist,
- who stumbled half-awake onstage at Doc Watson's, ploughed through a short set & sat at the bar knocking back Tequilas, eager for the next gig,
- Grape Street, Pontiac Grille, La Tazza, Balcony, hallowed stages where the eternally neglected Philly bands knocked out Fixx-mixed Corgan-riffed Patti Smith blues, watched by no one in particular, & thus by the Gods,
- who started independent newspapers & did press-runs of 10,000, garnering national acclaim & absolutely no money,
- who worked nights at the Taco House on Pine Street, smoking pot in the back room, scribbling notes for an endless first novel to be read at Molly's Books while despair unfolded of ever knowing anything about sex,
- & who therefore threw out a U of Arts degree to strip, thinking of Colette & Courtney Love, wanting to know what this flesh thing was all about,
- who died in obscurity in Roxborough, then had volumes of poems thrown away by a jealous lover who was somehow managing the estate, & is therefore even more obscure, Alexandra, unacknowledged legislator of Philly lit, stalking health food at Essene, reading at Robin's, always taking the bus, a car too much hassle & no time to scribble poems in the back,
- what were you working for if not eternity? Your name up in the klieg lights of greatness, may happen yet, some of us are holding a torch, will continue to, for you—
- who had pictures taken w/ Allen Ginsberg, then locked themselves in the house once the Painted Bride Quarterly was gone for good,
- who were reduced to writing fishing books when the poetry wouldn't fly, then insisted on comparing themselves to Joyce, Proust, & Kafka,
- who hooked up w/ metal-faced teenagers in stairwells, sucking on brass where a nipple should've been, riding a nitrous high into a screened window,
- who met guys on the Internet & moved up to Philly from Florida, settled in studios at Juniper & Locust & were watched by pervs in the parking lot next door,
- & then joined spoken-word bands & did shows in baby-doll dresses, took up w/ a poet, got cheated on by a poet & went back to Florida & came back again,
- who decorated an apartment w/ fourteen dead Christmas trees, licked up pine needles on slow nights & had whiskey-drunk one-night stands to kill time,
- who decided to move to L.A., was psyched to move to L.A., got everything packed to move to L.A. & then realized that there wasn't any money left,
- or moved to L.A. via Daddy's money & helped sign bands to major labels, gave up painting, got a new boyfriend & turned into a palm tree,
- who appointed themselves guardians of Duchamp's bikes, staged toilet races in Old City, installed grungy bathtubs, humongous cheese graters & doodles of teeth being shaved in space 1026, welded themselves to the Last Drop & the Bean, were followed by throngs of Dada-minded hipsters, then went into hiding,
- who bought condos off Washington Square, were ripped off by newspapers, wrestled w/ an incomplete second novel & an NYC agent w/ a talent for evasion,
- who wrote columns for Philly Weekly & earned the hatred of hipsters for loving Simon & Garfunkel, saw the world behind thick glasses, wrote songs & earned a modest following & was then murdered by a divorce,

- who found themselves up against an Ivy League wall, fought the Philistines w/ Keats, & made Penn bow down to the genius of Wordsworth,
- who sat in coffee shops talking poetics & politics, acknowledging the impotence of the current generation in fighting Bush & his cronies,
- & also acknowledging that this generation is a small generation & virtual & unlikely to change anything substantial now that the Boomers run everything, & it'll be this way 'til they die out, thirty more years of boredom,
- who served cocktails to Centrist poets in Boston, had miscellaneous affairs w/ Philly writers & others, wanted to be Bonnie & Clyde w/ out Clyde,
- who made a mint off a rock record in Japan, spent it all & started Temping, all the while looking to keep falling in love all the time in the Village,
- who put together multi-media shows, served hash brownies & whiskey, made a little money & used it to buy more hash,
- who e-mailed Noam Chomsky, decided not to be Zionist & took off a Star-of-David, realizing that the Holy Land is only an interior reality,
- who went to live on a kibbutz & came back disillusioned w/ everything & not having fought in the army went out & bought guns instead,
- who fled to San Francisco for no apparent reason after putting out a book in Philly & watching it sit unmolested at Book Trader,
- who was fired from Barnes & Noble for feeling up female employees, worked in a loony bin, wrote in the loony bin, then caved in & joined the Masters program at Temple.
- who roamed Villanova searching for dead souls, waiting for the words to come back as years slipped away into a haze of academic mediocrity,
- who stood in line w/ bags of pasta at dollar stores, picked up butts from sidewalks, took resin hits, chomped on bits of stale bread & shat in buckets,
- who did Action paintings on cold nights in Northern Liberties, slaved away at Office

 Cents lugging parcels around Center City, latched onto female grad students w/
 swank apartments & made slow-motion art movies of silent screams & hollering
 demons wading through the half-frozen Delaware,
- who painted Kabbalistic cool-color fantasies & sent them to Tyler openings, managed restaurants & threw canvases away & walked around Germantown awaiting the arrival of the Sixth Race who will cool the Earth & set it on the Tree of Life & protect it from malignant ministers of Malkuth,
- who retreated to Philly after 9/11 to find the city half-dead & the sinking stink of global warming hovering over Rittenhouse Square like a huge clove of garlic, & the vampires w/ Gucci glasses wandering & watching & warping what tenderness remained for lovers of cigars & Salman Rushdie,
- who mourned for Rachel Corrie from a perch at the Good Dog, wrote secret pro-Palestinian pamphlets & hid them under socks & condoms,
- who tried painting & poetry & music but found the balance in yoga, only to find the yogic mind devalued in the capitalist slip-stream of a run-down economy, & thus made plans to go to New Mexico for the summer & squat amidst clay,
- who found themselves a million miles away from everything on Race Street, so retreated to Cherry St. to hit on Moore girls & manicure-giving bar-maids, & took one home & found her ready & then was too drunk to fuck,
- who ploughed through five years PHD work to find a vacant job market & the few open classes not enough to pay rent, so built houses in the 'burbs & sipped Bud in rabbi's back yards hearing stories of Moses & Joshua & Aaron, & the story of Job hit a special nerve,
- who got fat in Bainbridge Street lofts living off pot-dealing money, writing landscape poems remembering Virginia beaches & a shiksa's skinny little ass, how much give it had or didn't have as it bobbed up & down in the waves,
- who met booty calls on the Franklin Institute steps & got naked & boned watched by Jane across the street fingering herself secretly,
- who got sent to Budapest by parents to study math, having failed out of Penn & Temple & having been burned out by years of scraping three-chord riffs & hitting bars & orgies & all the time wondering why things seemed so empty,
- who were exiled to academic New Hampshire, poems in hand, devising childhood vignettes of coffee Moms & smoking Dads & cold mornings out on Federal,
- who kept afloat writing copy for Urban Outfitter's, getting blitzed at poetry parties & upstaging ex-boyfriends w/ yuppie-puppy hook-ups,
- who worked as concierge at the Four Seasons, scored w/ a pale blonde bookstore chick only to have a bookstore Byron steal her back & write about it,
 & you have to see him every day, he's always lurking in odd café corners & no one knows what he's thinking or why.
- (& in fact no one knows what anybody's thinking, it's a sin & a drag & candor is in short supply in an artificial virtual era, & our "there" is nowhere),
- who collapsed in lines at Starbucks, knocking over displays of gourmet tea, spent two weeks in the psych ward at Jefferson, visited by solicitous boyfriends bearing chocolate & coffee table Raphael books & playing ping pong for hours while several schizophrenics huddle together watching "Sleepless in Seattle",
- who picked up photographers in coffee-shops & boned them sans condom on piles of black & white prints,
- who prowled through suburbs w/ a half-lit bowl, passing dread Cheltenham where endless tears flowed through virginal misery, stopping for a deep hit by the old house drowning nostalgia in thick green smoke,
- who toured the world & got famous & threw it away for a needle & couldn't sleep for the thought that the thing could never happen again,
- who sat at Gleaners waiting for contracting jobs, played UNO & Scrabble &were masters of both, well-spoken beneath knitted caps & trapped as lame tigers,
- who got knocked up by Rastafarians & were left to raise babies on a waitress's salary, picking up tips & shit for being bitter, sister at home keeping the baby fed, who wrestled demons of bi-polarity tool-box in hand, looking for lost screws & sockets,

- fixing locks toilets hinges refrigerators, hoping the voices wouldn't come at an important moment, rattling through the ether w/ a sinister cackle, mocking the silliness of ever doing anything other than smoke drink & fuck,
- who were flushed out of New Orleans like a tampon back into the soot of Spruce Street, drinking through frigid winter Philly doldrums, mornings too raw for walking, too-white music in the clubs, no mint juleps on the menu, only Jager & Jack & Stoli & Captain Morgan's,
- who got it on w/ keyboardists for riot grrl bands in bathtubs flooding tiles splashing walls all for ten seconds of the ultimate chorus.
- who slept w/ a different guy every night two months then took a year off writing confessional verse on My-Space for 40,000 friends,
- every one of whom wanted sex, love, a chance to hold somebody tenderly & forget that the whole virtual charade ever happened.
- who labored through slow days in Philadelphia's dead-end streets, breezes annoyingly sharp where Market hits City Hall & the Broad Street line gets off,
- who took the Broad Street Line to Allegheny to look at an art gallery as possible eventspace but found a rat-infested shit-hole w/ a few bad Basquiat imitations on the wall & a toilet dripped on not by Pollock & a floor that would inspire another Munch & a girl from the Northeast before a mirror but only too round,
- & who was forced to shut-down a co-op that no one could run any more in a fractious scene in a fractious city in a fractious country in a fractious era,
- a fractious world where the artist counts for shit & waits for shit to happen that can't happen anymore because the numbers aren't there anymore the guns are,
- the artist plays w/ guns, runs around shooting blanks at a dead world, curved into himself like an ingrown nail, hailed randomly by strangers to carry boulders up hills & teach the children, the noble artist looks for the transcendent will
- the natural will the will-to-form, the will to turn around the deadness into something else a place where hope lives & allows one to cope w/ what's been dead in America for years the spirit the spirit the feeling that things are progressing must progress that progress can be made & there's no reason to wait for anyone else to do it cause why should they it falls on the artist to create it all him or her self & that's
- what they've done & what they're doing & if a new dawn awaits or if it doesn't the the struggle goes on to put things down that mean something more than nothing which in this day & age means a hell of a lot because it's worth everything & you can't quantify it if you tried

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- What hung over Philly, NYC, D.C., what swept through the freezing streets w/ sleet & cold snow?
- Virtual women on cell-phones clicking buttons talking Jolie Spears & Simpson, stopping in boutiques to try on blouses & purses & cursing maxed credit cards!
- Virtual men in suits & London fog overcoats talking numbers figures & prospects betting on Phillies Fliers Nationals Eagles living vicariously through overpaid clowns!
- Virtual tunes on the radio, three chord synth-driven sappy cliché-ridden tripe belted out
- by Whitney Britney & Mariah, plush beat-programmed god-damned garbage!

 Virtual movies w/ impossible sex scenes everything falling into place perfectly for two
 perfect bodies sans sloppiness of real caresses & how people look undressed!
- Virtual galleries showing warmed over nihilistic facile installations of piles of rubbish lugged in w/ out skill craft or love sitting in a dump masquerading as art!
- Virtual ads for virtual products gum that chews better Old Navy sweaters McDonald's hamburgers Toyotas Hondas Oldsmobiles hot wheels for prosperous suburban jerks jamming up expressways carbon dioxide flying into an atmosphere of used to be American greatness faded into days of fat complacence!
- Virtual leaders vomiting sound-bites for virtual commentators Fox News CNN spouting platitudinous blarney to keep the asshole half of the country happy w/ a disastrous administration bucking the Kyoto treaty to keep oil flowing & wiping out regimes for no good reason other than crude black crap to kill forests!
- Virtual TV "illustrating imbecile illusions of happiness" inducing mass spiritual slumber humming a nation to sleep believing everything's OK as long as Will & Grace stay happy inside the little idiot box on four hours a night!
- Virtual bars & conversations knocking back twenty lagers & pints of Jagermeister trying to forget years frittered away in pursuit of music that didn't work paintings that didn't sell movies that went unseen as the world swirled by denying they ever knew or cared what art was!
- Virtual love affairs based on fucking can't say what you're feeling but kneel before the altar of sex for its' own sake magazine culture!
- Virtual friends virtually loving virtually hugging virtually drugging each other on the Internet fretting waiting for e-mail games of who writes first!
- Virtual Jesus virtual Moses virtual Buddha virtual Jewish pleas to please return to Baruch Atah Adonai Elohanu Melech Chaolom,
- Blessed art thou Lord of the Universe Forever & Ever Amen now please give me Bar Mitzvah money to spend on Nintendo Super Mario & a hot new I-Pod ready for instant use on spring afternoons before Hebrew School,
- & the world is only virtually holy anymore & holiness can be bought in any store where money changes hands cause solvency is Heaven Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done our Father, Holy Ghost & Son delivered all in holy green!

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fire in belly!

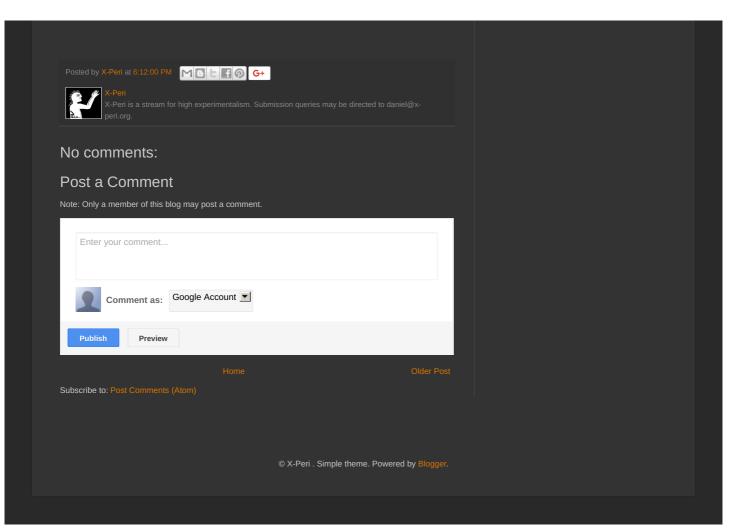
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stones!

suffer the action abandoned to dumbness. suffering the actions unspoken & loveless suffering the action unfurling our country, picking up oil & oil-soaked money!

Allen Ginsberg! I'm w/ you in Heaven where we feel like two sages, where bread is unleavened & no granfalloon rages! I'm w/ you in Heaven where the air is like nitrous, where deadness is deadened & you're plagued by no virus! I'm w/ you in Heaven where the feeling is placid. where we're ruled by no felon & lay tripping on acid! I'm w/ you in Heaven where the Buddha is grinning, where no self-schemas leaden lead to feelings of sinning! I'm w/ you in Heaven where poetry's money, where the moon's always setting & the sky's always sunny! I'm w/ you in Heaven where each spirit is sexy, where you love who you're bedding & you touch them correctly! I'm w/ you in Heaven where no fame is too famous where you know what you're getting & all power is blameless! I'm w/ you in Heaven where each spirit can run things, where self-governed settlements take place of gun-slings! where the states have no nettles & the taxes are worth it! I'm w/ you in Heaven where we're writing this poem, where we're secretly betting how far we can throw 'em! I'm w/ you in Heaven where the jokes are Eternal, where the Hope is unfettered & the dope is supernal! I'm w/ vou in Heaven. where I'll stay 'til the war ends, where I'll lay w/ your blessing in the shade of a God-Head!

Apocalypse! Apocalypse! It's over! It's over! We're living in twilight! Twilight the streets, twilight the houses, twilight the beats, twilight the louses! This is Rome, this is Nero, this is home, this is Zero! Apocalypse! Apocalypse! It's ending! Ending the guns, ending the money, ending the sun, ending the honey—bums, guns, sex, drugs, scum, Jesus, love, reason, all over! All ending! All covered! All bending! This is Rome, this is Egypt, this is feces! It's over! We're living in the End-Times! Over the getting, over the spending, over the feeling, over the lending! Forests, traffic, mountains, madness, plaster suburbs, drastic lovers, over! Apocalypse! Apocalypse! Twilight the schools, twilight the college, twilight the fools, twilight the knowledge! Twilight degrees, twilight alone, twilight & freeze, twilight unknown! Ending the quest, ending the artist, ending the rest, ending the parties! This is Rome, this Atlantis, this is home, this is hopeless! Dope, smoke, Starbucks, Hotmail, gropes, jokes, spirit e-mail, souls, moles, used car salesmen, fags, hags, gun-mad mailmen! Apocalypse! Apocalypse even for the faithful! Even for the Enlightened! Even for the patient! Even for the frightened! Even for the transcendent unbending resplendent defended art-mensch! Apocalypse! Run for shelter! Run for cover! Helter-skelter! Find a lover! Do something! Hold something! Screw something! Do someone! Before the end that's coming! Before the end that's drumming! Before Over the time when you live in a rhyme & it's okay to rest & to slowly confess! Apocalypse! Apocalypse! It's over! It's over!





Monday, November 16, 2020

Adam Fieled, On the Schuylkill and To Satan



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On the Schuylkill

Borne by the river's back, boat-legions rolled in search of commerce, bridges to build; souls, cargo (heavy, light), bought & sold, coffers waiting in Philly to be filled.

Ladies leaped gingerly onto green banks, bound in satin or lace, versed in politesse or no, & walked rote patterns, inscribed insignias in the air; crew-ship kids, underlings already in their ranks, sought to make the landing show-offy, slow, hulked a hundred yards from a drunken fair.

Add a century, an Expressway looms over the murk— wave-sounds, squeals, & metal— which the Schuylkill cannot answer, hovering under— slow-moving, patient, & settled.

The river's mind is limpid— the human race churns around it restlessly, adding bodies shorn of dignity, bloated, pulp-bloody, blue, having carried burdens the river never dreams

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of, emptiness so incorrigible the Schuylkill's face registers nothing but disinterested waves—tender, true.

The Over-brain, peering in, questioning, elevates the Schuylkill's mystery into frozen heat—truth & beauty buoyed up in the browning, decay, fate of all water-bodies prone to human meat—I sit on the edge, watching overhanging leaves, frozen myself by the gross negligence of what lies beneath the river's surface, & my own, as the summer sun inverts, grieves, for the masses, exploring no penitence as I am, grounded, here, & diving for purpose—

To Satan

Let it not be said that his rhetoric drifts
out of focus on Earth for a casual minute—
nor that just retribution is not terribly swift
for those who disrespect his intimate business;
as the new mother, tethered away from her child,
meths up, eats what she doesn't want
to mortify dread that she might be other
than a perfect Satan's gofer, brainwashed, wild—
infanticide-schemes, inverted taunts,
floorboards arranged under carpets, defiled.

Pentagrams engraved on truth's justice-seats,
masks woven wanly of paint-wearing flesh;
abattoirs littered with poison-dwarf sweets,
histories chopped out for infants, near death;
what are they scripting of filth, for what?
That all the false idols, set in a line, might dance
tangled, backwards, to all that lends dread?
How is he drifting? He's straight, he's shut
against any heart holds a heavenly chance
of imposing their visions, getting bardic in bed.

You're a ruddy old Big Man Downstairs, you, fibs so jejune I can't hear but to laugh— your buttons are pinned upon somebody who mistook all the fame for a fortunate path.

Why governments swoon before truth is clear— you set the bar too high, and low at once, no innocent cleric can face all the dumbness— why all of these drones from downstairs, not here, can't spit out a lick out of being a dunce, define for the ages what being a bum is.

—Adam Fieled

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